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Good woman will eat it, she shall be exceedingly welcome to it.

Without waiting for her mother's answer, she ran to fetch the egg; but the very moment that she presented it to this old woman, she disappeared, and a beautiful lady was seen in her place; who, addressing herself to the mother, said, I will reward your two daughters according to their deserts. The eldest shall become a great queen, and the second shall keep a farm. I know that I give each of them what they like best.

After these words, the fairy departed; and the mother and the two daughters remained very much astonished. Upon which, striking the house, it was immediately turned into a little snug farm.

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They went into the farm, lighted with the neatness of the house. The chairs were only white, and were so exceeding bright, like yourself as in a glass. The beds were as white as snow. In the stable there were twenty horses, four oxen, and four sheep. In the court-yard all sorts of ducks, pigeons, &c. The pretty garden full of fruit.

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